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FM AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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SUBJ: KENYA MEDIA HIGHLIGHT U.S. AND BRITISH ASSURANCES
ON ARMS

REF: ADDIS ABABA 4683, ADDIS ABABA 4689

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. DAILY NATION AUGUST 4 USES REMARKS
ATTRIBUTED TO AMERICAN AND BRITISH CHARGES IN ADDIS ABABA
AS BASIS FOR ANTI-SOMALI EDITORIAL COMMENT.

2. REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO BOTH ENVOYS ARE VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL
TO THOSE CONTAINED IN TEXT DISTRIBUTED BY ETHIOPIAN MEDIA
(REFTELS) ALTHOUGH SOURCE OF QUOTES NOT MENTIONED IN
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3. QUOTES FROM ENVOYS ARE JUXTAPOSED AGAINST STATEMENTS
ATTRIBUTED TO SOMALI CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN DAR ES SALAAM THAT
A) SOMALIA DOES NOT NEED ARMS NOW, B) SOMALI-SOVIET
RELATIONS ARE STILL STRONG, AND C) NO ARRANGEMENTS ARE
UNDER WAY FOR SOMALIA TO PROCURE ARMS FROM WESTERN COUNTRIES
THROUGH FRIENDLY ARAB STATES. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT

SOMEONE IS LYING AND MOST PROBABLY IT IS THE SOMALIS. IT
URGES VIGILANCE AGAINST SOMALIA IN LIGHT OF TERRITORIAL
CLAIMS AGAINST KENYA, BUT OFFERS NO COMMENT ON BRITISH
AND U.S. POSITIONS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL.

COMMENT: KENYAN MEDIA CONTINUE TO GIVE PROMINENT MENTION
TO REASSURANCES THAT U.S. AND U.K. SEEK TO PREVENT SOMALIA
FROM UTILIZING WESTERN ARMS AID FOR EXTERNAL AGGRESSION.
THIS HAS HAD EFFECT OF SOFTENING PUBLIC REACTION TO U.S.
DECISION, BUT AT SAME TIME HAS LAID GROUNDWORK FOR PLACING
HEAVY BLAME ON U.S. IF SOMALIS CIRCUMVENT CONDITIONS
ATTACHED TO ARMS SUPPLY. END CONFIDENTIAL.
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